

I am both a member of the NAB and an XM Radio subscriber. At the annual spring NAB in Las Vegas this year, much of the discussion was about how to solve the satellite radio "problem".

Satellite radio provides a valuable service and an alternative to the trash that is being played today over the regular airwaves. There would be no market for it if the service provided by the land-based FM/AM stations was satisfactory. Much of these traditional stations in my area simply consist of nationally syndicated content with occasional splashes of local content such as news and weather. Satellite radio provides better content and easier access to the "local content". The traffic and weather data is provided nationwide - it is exactly like turning on the news and seeing the weather for another city across the country. The traditional broadcasters are simply threatened by new ideas and have seen much of the lifetime of FM/AM radio run out. They will sue and work to confuse Congress which amounts to anticompetitive practices to seal innovation from the American public.

Let satellite radio, and further technological developments continue to innovate our country. We must accept the darwinian cycle of technology. Radio technologies are no exception to this cycle. Protect the rights of satellite radio broadcasters and listeners across the nation.

Thank you,
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